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1. The new military training area east of Kezmarok (N 49-08, E 20-26) was established in 1954 and enlarged in 1955. The area is about 18 by 18 kilometers large and includes the following localities:

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On the west: Jurske, Stotince, Majerka, Lubicke Kupele, Ruskinovce;

On the south: Ruskinovce, Dvorce, Torysky;

On the east: Torysky, Blazov;

On the north: Jurske; the rest of the northern boundary was unknown

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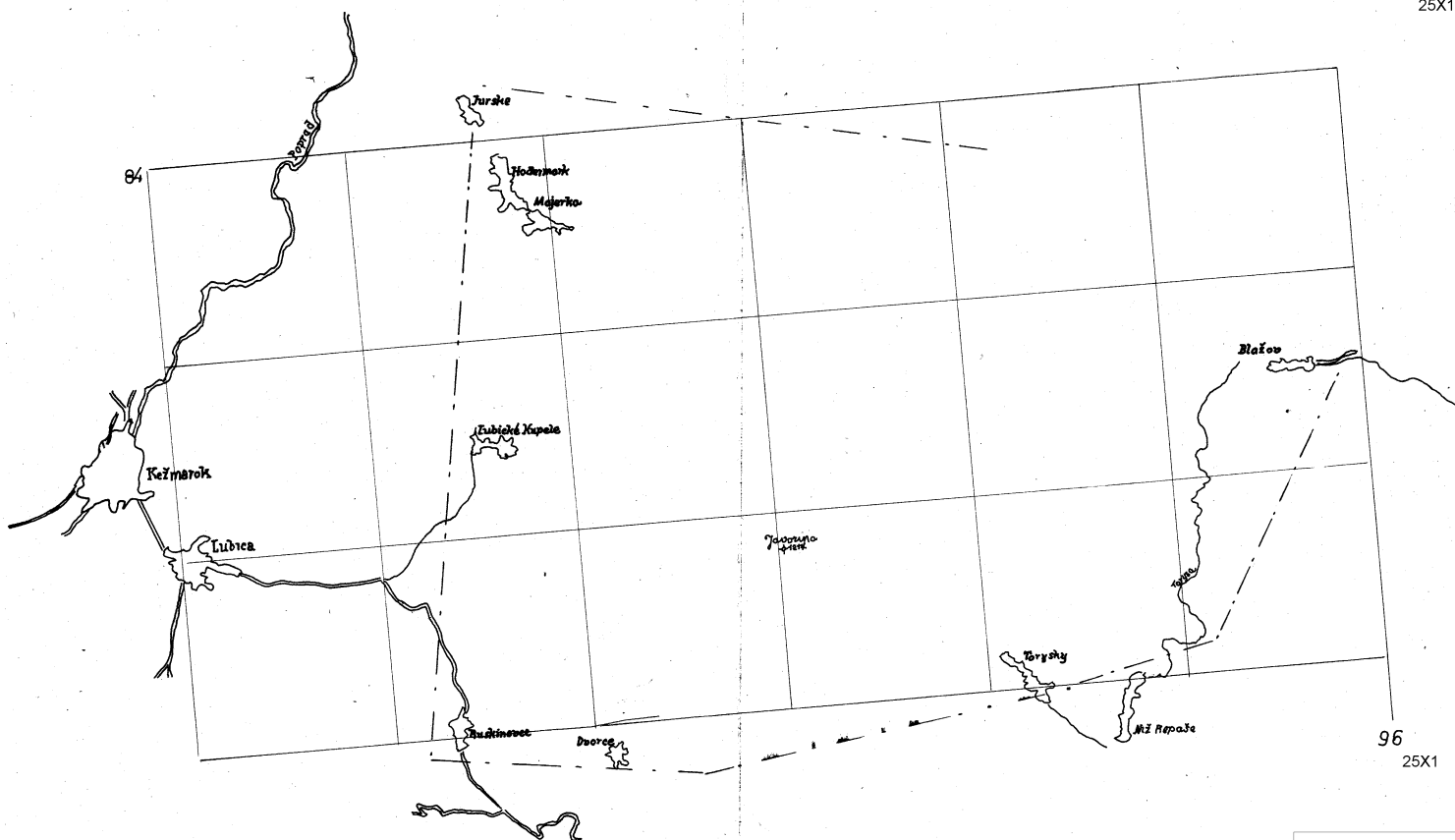
2. The population was evacuated from the above-mentioned villages and was moved to Huncovce, Stara Lesna, Velka Lomnica, Vrbov, and Zakovce, where either there were empty houses left behind by former German residents of these villages or new housing facilities were built for the evacuees. The evacuation of Jurske, Stotince, and Majerka was to be completed in 1956.
3. The training area is utilized for antiaircraft practice firing by all antiaircraft units stationed in Slovakia. The first practice took place in 1955. The military training area headquarters was quartered in Lubicke Kupele in the former spa premises. Quarters for practicing units are being built throughout the area.
4. Antiaircraft units practicing in the area were equipped with 100-millimeter antiaircraft guns with muzzle brakes and mounted on a four-wheel undercarriage. The firing is done at a wind bag towed by a two-engine Siebel aircraft. The aircraft takes off from the Poprad-Tatry airfield.

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